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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages * _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
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the drawings:

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 pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N) Claims 1-11 YES

Claims _____ NO

Inventive step (IS) Claims 1-11 YES

Claims _____ NO

Industrial applicability (IA) Claims 1-11 YES

Claims _____ NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1: CN1297085A

None of documents cited in the international search report disclose the method and the pulp according to the claims 1-11 respectively, therefore claims 1-11 have novelty under PCT Article 33(2).

D1 discloses a method of using activated ozone in bleaching paper pulp. The method comprises the following steps: a) treating pulp with oxidizing agent to oxidize lignin; b) extracting said pulp by an alkaline extraction treatment; c) then, adding mineral acid and mixture of ethanol/DMSO with ozone gas stream into the pulp slurry, followed by neutralizing the pulp with an alkali; and d) bleaching the pulp with hydrogen peroxide or chlorine dioxide.

Whereas, the method according to the present application comprises the following steps: impregnating the raw material in presence of active oxygen A and cellulosic protector composed of metallic ion and it's ligand; and grinding said material with active oxygen A, followed by grinding with active oxygen B. D1 does not disclose or suggest the method according to the present application. Thus, the technical schemes of claims 1-11 are not obvious to a skilled person on the basis of D1. Therefore, claims 1-11 have inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

The subject matters of claims 1-11 appear to be industrially applicable, therefore they have industrial applicability under the terms of Article 33(4)PCT.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

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